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OF

PARLIAMENT:

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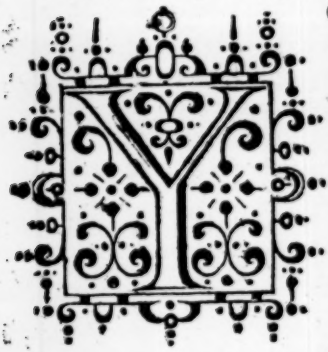
May it pleaſe your Majeſtie,



OUR Majeſties moſt Loyall Subjects, the Lords and Commons, cannot conceive that the *Declaration* which your Majeſty received from Us at *Newmarket*, was ſuch as did deſerve that Cenſure your Majeſty was pleaſed to lay upon Us, in that Speech which your Majeſty made to Our Committees there, and ſent in writing to both Houſes: Our Adreſſes therein being accompanied

with Plainneſſe, Humility and Faithfullnes, We thought more proper for the removing the Diſtraction of the Kingdome, then if We had then proceeded according to your Majeſties Meſſage of the 20. of *January*, by which your Majeſty was pleaſed to deſire that we would declare what we intended to doe for your Majeſty, and what We expected to be done for Our Selves; in both which, We have bin very much hindred by your Majeſties Deniall to ſecure Us and the whole Kingdome, by diſpoſing the *Militia*, as We had divers times moſt humbly Petitioned; and We have not bin altogether negligent of either, having lately made good proceedings, in preparing a Book of Rates to be paſſed in a Bill of Tunnage and Poundage, and likewiſe the moſt Materiall Heads of thoſe Humble deſires which We intended to Make to your Majeſty, for the good and contentment of your Majeſtie, and your People: But now, if theſe could not bee perfected till the Kingdome bee put into Safety, by ſettling the *Militia*; and untill your Majeſty ſhalbe pleaſed to Concurre with your Parliament in thoſe neceſſary things, We hold it impoſſible for you to give the world, or your People ſuch ſatisfaction, concerning the Feares and Jealouſies which We have expreſſed, as We hope your Majeſty hath already received, touching that Exception which you were pleaſed to take to Mr. PYMS Speech.

As for your own Feares and Doubts, the ground wher. of being from Seditious Pamphlets and Sermons, We ſhall as carefully indeavour to remove it, aſſoone as We underſtand what Pamphlets are by your Majeſty intended, as we have bin to prevent all dangerous Tumults. And if any Extraordinary Concourſe of People out of the

the City to *Weſtminſter*, had the face and ſhew of Tumult and Danger, in your Majeſties apprehenſions, it will appeare to be cauſed by your Majeſties Deniall of ſuch a Guard to your Parliament, as they might have cauſe to Confide in; And by taking in *White-Hall* ſuch a Guard for your ſelfe, as gave juſt Cauſe of Jealouſie to the Parliament, and of Terrour and offence to your People. We ſeeke nothing but your Majeſties peace, and the proſperity of your Kindomes; and Wee are heartily ſorrie We have ſuch plentifull Matter of an Anſwere to that Queſtion, *Whether you have violated Our Laws?* We beſeech your Majeſty to remember, that the Government of this Kingdome, as it was in great part managed by your Miniſters, before the beginning of the *Parliament*, conſiſted of many continued and multiplyed Acts of violation of Laws, the wounds whereof were ſcarcely healed, when the Extremity of all their violations was farre exceeded by this late, ſtrange, and unheard of breach of our Laws in the accuſation of the Lord *Kimbolton*, and the five Members of the *Commons Houſe*, and proceedings thereupon, for which we have yet received no full ſatisfaction.

To your Majeſties next Queſtion, Whether you had denied any Bill for the eaſe and ſecurity of your Subjects? We wiſh we could ſtoppe in the midſt of our Anſwer, That with much thankfulneſſe we acknowledge that your Majeſty hath paſſed many good Bills, full of contentment and advantage to your People, but truth and neceſſity inforceth us to adde this, That even in or about the time of paſſing thoſe Bills ſome deſigne or other hath bin a foote, which if it had taken effect would not only have deprived us of the fruit of thoſe Bills, but

have reduced us to a worſe condition of confuſion then that, wherein the *Parliament* found us.

And if your Majeſty had asked us the third Queſtion Intimated in that Speech, *What Wee had done for your Selfe*? Our Anſwere would have bin much more eaſie; That Wee have paid two Armies, wherewith the Kingdome was burdened laſt yeare. That we have undertaken a Warre with *Ireland*: all which great miſchiefe, and the Charges thereupon have bin occaſioned by the evill Councells, ſo powerfull with your Majeſty, which have and will coſt this Kingdome more then two Millions, all which in Juſtice ought to have bin borne by your Majeſty.

As for the free and generall pardon, your Majeſtie hath bin pleaſed to offer, it can be no ſecurity to our Feares and Jealouſies, for which your Majeſty ſeems to propound it, becauſe they ariſe not from any Guilt of our owne Actions, but from the evill deſignes and attempts of others.

To this our humble Anſwer to that Speech we deſire to adde an information which we lately received from the Deputy Governour of the *Marchant Adventurers*, at *Rotterdam* in *Holland*, That an unknowne Perſon appertaining to the Lord *Digby*, did lately ſollicite on *Iames Henly* a Marriner, to goe to *Ellinore* and there to take charge of a Ship in the Fleete of the King of *Denmark*, there prepared, which he ſhould conduct to *Hull*, in which Ships likewiſe he ſaid a great Army was to be tranſported: And although we are not apt to give credit to Informations of that nature, yet we cannot altogether think it fit to be neglected, but that it adds ſomewhat to our feares and Jealouſies, conſidering with what

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Circumſtances, it is accompanied of the Lord *Digbyes* preceding expreſſions, in a Letter to her Majeſty, and Sir *Lewis Diues*; and your Majeſties ſucceeding courſe of withdwrawing your ſelfe North-ward from your Parliament, in a manner very ſutable and correſpondent with that evill Counſell, which we doubt will make much deeper impreſſion in the generality of your people: and therefore we moſt humbly deſire, for the procuring and ſetling our and their confidence, and the other Reaſons concerning the recovery of *Ireland*, and ſecuring this Kingdome, which have beene formerly preſented to your Majeſtie, you will be graciouſly pleaſed, with all convenient ſpeed to returne to theſe parts, and to cloſe with the adviſe and deſire of your *Parliament*: Where you ſhall find their dutifull affections and endeavours, ready to attend your Majeſtie, with ſuch entertainment as ſhall not onely give your Majeſtie juſt cauſe of ſecurity in their faithfulneſſe, but other manifeſt evidences of their earneſt deſires, to advance your Majeſties ſervice, Honour and contentment, and to eſtabliſh it upon the ſure foundation of the Peace and Proſperity of all your *Kingdomes*.

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